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1      NOV 16 1999      MR. GALE: My name is Sean Gale. I don't  
2      have any degrees.

3                      MR. BROWN: Just the name is all we need.

4                      MR. GALE: I find it alarming that with  
5      all the technological achievements that we've made in  
6      recent years that the preferred alternative for dealing  
7      with something like high level nuclear waste is to dig  
8      another hole.

9                      It's pretty easy for people to stand up  
10     here and say there's a very small amount of waste  
11     generated when we don't have to watch it pile up around  
12     us.

13                     I want to offer a very simple perspective  
14     and a pretty unpopular solution to this problem. When  
15     I came home from work one day, I noticed that my  
16     kitchen sink had been running. The sink was clogged  
17     and there was water all over my kitchen floor.

18                     The first thing I did, the very first  
19     thing I did was to shut the water off and not go buy  
20     150 mops. I think that's the analogy that applies  
21     here.

1 continued 22                     We have a problem with dealing with a  
23     pretty high volume of very toxic stuff. It's going to  
24     stay toxic for 250,000 years or more. The first thing  
25     we need to think about doing is not creating any more

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1 of this stuff. Then we can worry about how we're going  
2 to baby-sit, it and how our grandchildren and their  
3 grandchildren are going to baby-sit it; it needs to be  
4 baby-sat, not buried.

5 That's pretty much all I have to say.

6 MR. BROWN: Thanks a lot.

7 Anyone else? Okay.

8 I'd like to first of all thank all the  
9 folks who have taken time to attend this meeting and to  
10 make your comments; we greatly appreciate it.

11 I'd like to thank Robin Sweeny of DOE for  
12 observing, listening to the testimony. I'd like to  
13 thank Martha Loomis, the court reporter.

14 Also a reminder, there will be a similar  
15 meeting this evening in this same location. We begin  
16 at 6:00, as I recall, with the informational  
17 presentation, questions and answers, and we will have  
18 another several hours for public comments.

19 So with that, we will officially conclude  
20 this afternoon's session. Thanks again.

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